



**Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2024**

Present: Ray Gillen, Brad Lewis, Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas, Sharon Jordan, Robert Dieterich, and Hayward Horton

Absent: Steven Rifenburg, Todd Edwards and Michael Angelozzi

Others: David Hogenkamp, Tonia Lehoisky, Steve Strichman, Kristen Holler, Jennifer Medler, Scott Cietek and Danielle Krupa

Call to Order: Mr. Gillen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Jordan moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting; seconded by Mr. Lewis and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas presented the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2024. Cash on hand was approximately \$7.05 million. Ms. Jordan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Dieterich and approved.

1. 3 State Street Façade Project

Resolution 1773-24 — SEQRA / No Significant Effect on the Environment

This project involves the restoration of a 12,000 SF historic building on lower State Street. Resolution 1773-24 characterized the action as an Unlisted Action and issued a negative declaration that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment. Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas moved Resolution 1773-24, seconded by Mr. Lewis and approved.

Resolution 1774-24 — Adopt the General Project Plan

Resolution 1774-24 authorized Metroplex to provide a \$25,000 façade grant and an exemption on sales taxes for purchases of materials, supplies, and FF&E associated with the project. Mr. Horton moved Resolution 1774-24, seconded by Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas and approved.

2. Erie Boulevard Roundabout Project

Resolution 1775-24 — SEQRA / No Significant Effect on the Environment

This project involves the fabrication and installation of a permanent sculpture in the Erie Boulevard roundabout as well as additional landscaping. Resolution 1775-24 characterized the action as an Unlisted Action and issued a negative declaration that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment. Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas moved Resolution 1775-24, seconded by Mr. Horton and approved.

Resolution 1776-24 — Adopt the General Project Plan

Resolution 1776-24 authorized Metroplex to fund the installation of the project with \$53,000 or utilize previously allocated DRI funding, as well as donated funds of \$19,000. Metroplex is looking to advance the fabrication through the winter. Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas moved Resolution 1776-24, seconded by Ms. Jordan and approved.

3. Broadway South Lot (“Postage Stamp”) Project:

Resolution 1777-24 — SEQRA / No Significant Effect on the Environment

This project involves Metroplex selling a 0.2-acre parcel within the Broadway South parking lot to Highbridge BW LLC for the fair market value of \$17,500. Resolution 1777-24 characterized the action as an Unlisted Action and issued a negative declaration that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment. Ms. Jordan moved Resolution 1777-24, seconded by Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas and approved.

Resolution 1778-24 — Convey Real Property and Execute Easement

Resolution 1778-24 authorized Metroplex to convey the above-referenced parcel and enter into an easement with Highbridge BW LLC. Ms. Jordan moved Resolution 1778-24, seconded by Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas and approved.

4. FY-2025 Budget

Resolution 1779-24 — Adopt Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of the FY-2025 budget at its October 3 meeting. The 2025 budget will be filed with the Authorities Budget Office. Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas moved Resolution 1779-24; seconded by Mr. Dieterich and approved.

Public Comment: None.

Board Comment: Mr. Horton thanked Mr. Gillen for speaking at the Niskayuna Economic Development Committee recently. Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas commended the Authority on the involvement in several projects that were award recipients at the annual Schenectady County Business Awards, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Adjournment: Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Jordan. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Hogenkamp
Executive Director